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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-28 are pending in this application.

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on February 13, 2006 was noted and the submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97.

Accordingly, the examiner has considered the information disclosure statement.

Action Summary

- 2. The rejection of claims 1-23 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite is hereby withdrawn as applicant has amended the claims to remove the indefiniteness.
- 3. The rejection of claims 1-26 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-12, 37-47 and 59 of copending application 10/798,111 is hereby withdrawn as applicant has filed a terminal disclaimer.

Double Patenting

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., In re Berg, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); In re Goodman, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); In re Longi, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir.

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1985); In re Van Ornum, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); In re Vogel, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and In re Thorington, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with this application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement.

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

4. Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10, 11, 16 and 21-28 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3, 10-12 and 22 of copending Application No. 11/371,042. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because both copending applications are directed towards a transdermal administration of an active agent, a delivery vehicle (solvent system) comprising a C2-C4 alcohol, a polyalcohol, and a monoalkyl ether of diethylene glycol. The difference is that the instant application does not require that water be added to the C2-C4 alcohol system. However, although it is not disclose to have water it is not excluded from the composition. Thus it is obvious.

This is a <u>provisional</u> obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

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Conclusion

5. Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10, 11, 16 and 21-28 are rejected.

6. Claims 4, 9, 12-15 and 17-20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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Telephone Inquiries

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examiner should be directed to Konata M. George, whose telephone number is 571-

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

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